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A GREAT VICTORY.

The "Drys" Win in Audrain County by a Vote of Nearly 2 to 1.

The voters—a union of all parties—settled the question last Saturday that there will be no more saloons in Audrain county outside of Mexico for at least four years.

It was by a decisive vote too, as you will see by the figures below. Four precincts in the county went "wet," the Second ward in Mexico, Edwards school district, Rush Hill Canada and Martinsburg. Naylor school district led the county for the dries. Vandalia and Farber are close seconds for this place, Vandalia casting 294 dry votes to 110 wet and Farber 90 dries to 27 wets.

The ward voters in Mexico included nothing within the corporate limits, only those voters outside who would have a greater distance to go if they voted at the home precinct. The dries are just a little proud of the Fourth ward vote, not a heavy one, but 29 dries to 3 wets. Perhaps this ward should be put second as leading the dry vote in the county.

The following was the vote cast in the different precincts:

	DRY	WET
Mexico—1st ward.....	68	59
—2d ward.....	31	38
—3d ward.....	86	59
—4th ward.....	29	3
Union.....	34	23
Burk.....	18	11
Naylor.....	82	4
Rowena.....	61	15
Black.....	40	23
Canada.....	31	48
Saling.....	65	9
Macedonia.....	42	5
Friendship.....	65	9
Edwards.....	18	23
Crow.....	56	11
Benton City.....	57	53
Vandalia.....	294	110
Beagles.....	55	29
Rush Hill.....	80	91
Farber.....	90	37
Laddonia.....	137	91
Martinsburg.....	89	141
Molino.....	70	14
Thompson.....	56	32
Gant.....	79	9
Totals.....	1733	947
Dry majority.....		786

Wanted.

A man to work on farm by the year. Middle aged man preferred. Inquire at MESSAGE office.

Mrs. W. P. Rowland of this city is visiting at Augusta, Ark.

Teachers examination will be held in Mexico Friday and Saturday, March 27th and 28th.

J. B. Lavinder, south of Benton City, was in Mexico last Saturday. He suffered a hard siege with the gripe this winter.

A. C. Whitson of this city has been elected representative to the State Grand lodge I. O. O. F., which meets at Excelsior Springs June 16. Mr. Whitson will represent the 47th district of Missouri.

E. Marvin, who sold his 100 acre farm 5 miles east of town east for \$75 per acre, and purchased the old 155 acre Silver farm, 8 miles southeast of Mexico, from Frank McClure at \$56 per acre, took possession of his new home last week. Mr. McClure and his family have moved to Texas.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fox, Pres.

Sam Leach, Cashier.

FORGED A CHECK.

Lights Out on Foot and Ships Into Kansas.

The Vandalia Leader last week told the following:

A young man giving his name as D. R. Graves, late from Illinois, purchased a pair of shoes Tuesday at F. P. Dye & Co's., giving in payment a check for \$20 payable to M. M. Moss and signed by G. Green, a prominent farmer living south of town. The check had been endorsed by Moss and the young gentleman's demeanor was such and his tale so plausible that J. M. Dye sold him a pair of shoes for \$3.00 and gave \$17 in cash. C. G. Daniel happening in the store shortly after the transaction was made, was asked concerning the signature of check. Mr. Daniel recognized a discrepancy and doubted its validity. Comparison with Green's signature at the bank confirmed doubts and inquiries were instituted, resulting in the information that neither Mr. Green or Mr. Moss knew anything of the check.

Graves has been working for farmers south of town. Tuesday he took a trunk to the depot and paid for its express to Kansas. The young man however left town on foot going west. Telephone messages were sent to Farber and Laddonia and Deputy Sheriff Smelser and Joe Dye left on a freight in search of him. He was seen west of Farber but no further trace of him could be found.

Said of Mrs. J. B. Hawkins.

The Montgomery City Standard contained the following paragraph last week:

Mrs. J. B. Hawkins of Mexico spent Monday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bert Luckie, in Montgomery. Mrs. Hawkins is a daughter of Dr. Freeman, who lived in Spenceburg, Pike county, before the war. He was an excellent physician and a fine violinist, and one of the earliest recollections of the editor is that of hearing him "play the fiddle." He was a democrat of the most pronounced type and enjoyed the distinction of being the Democrat who resigned an office to which he was elected before qualifying. If our memory serves us aright he was nominated for the legislature in order to beat the Whig candidate, and after the election he resigned at once, and a special election was called to fill the vacancy. Dr. Freeman was one of the strong men of his locality, and the older citizens of Spenceburg and vicinity remember him with pride. Mrs. Hawkins was one of the prettiest girls in that vicinity and very popular.

New Circuit Court Cases.

C. E. Worsham vs. R. T. Bryan et al, appealed from J. P. Court.

S. W. Daniel vs. E. Williamson, appealed from J. P. Court.

J. F. Cook, vs. J. W. Keltner, on note.

W. A. Edmonston vs. J. W. Jump, for money.

J. F. Patrick et al vs. Kate McGinness, et al, partition.

Sadie Phillips, vs. Taylor Crawford et al, damages.

J. W. Sexton, vs. S. J. Bowne, Jr., injunctions, Nos. 1 and 2.

City of Mexico vs. C. Ammon Kemp, App'l.—Appeal J. P.

Jas. H. Parrish vs. Unknown heirs et W. W. Stone, Perfect Title.

J. F. Teagen et al vs. W. T. Hall Appeal J. P.

Mr. Frank Bagley, aged 54 years living on the Milt Householder farm, northwest of Mexico, died last Thursday of consumption. The wife and six children survive him. The burial was at Long Branch church.

HAPPENED AND HAPPENING

Miss Lola Marshall is home from Ashley, where she attended school thru the winter.

Miss Hattie Keiser of this city has a position in a millinery establishment in St. Louis.

Charles Hecke of this city is very ill, not expected to recover. His disease is consumption.

Mrs. S. F. Robling of this city visited her sister, Mrs. D. M. Bowen, in Bowling Green recently.

Miss Mabel Webber of this county recently closed a very successful term of school in Monroe county.

J. C. Hitt of Colorado arrived here last week to be at the bedside of his father, A. Hitt, who has been ill so long.

Miss Allie Hagan, near Worcester, this county, closed a successful term of school in Monroe county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jesse of this city visited Mrs. Jesse's parents in Laddonia last week. Mr. and Mrs. George Ferris.

A Baptist church of 20 members has been organized at Hallsville and \$1,700 has been raised to put up a church building.

Frank Akridge and wife of near Vandalia visited Field Akridge and wife at Laddonia last week. The former will visit their children in Idaho soon, and will spend the summer in that clime.

E. L. Leaf and son, M. B. Leaf, have moved to Audrain county from Illinois. They have bought the Thomas Jones farm near Benton City. The son will have care of the farm and Mr. Leaf, Sr., will become a resident of Mexico.

Our old friend S. S. Johnston, down near Worcester, has been quite unwell for the past six months and for three months past has been confined to his room. He is a little improved lately, and we hope he soon will regain his former health.

The Gant Minstrels, organized by the Modern Woodmen at Gant, held the boards at the opera house in Centralia one night not long since. The Guard says the boys "cut-up" in regular blackface style. Just the same, they gave a fine entertainment.

Mrs. Susan Neal, aged 89 years, died recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marion Schofield, north of Vandalia. Mrs. Neal was the mother of thirteen children, seven of whom are living. A son I. Neal, resides in Vandalia, and another son, Ichabod Neal, resides near that town.

Rev. J. L. Haar on the 27th of July next will have been pastor of the Martinsburg Catholic church 25 years. On the 7th of this month Father Haar celebrated his 25th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. Father Haar is greatly beloved by all his congregation at Martinsburg.

A mass meeting of citizens was held at the court house last Thursday night to further consider the local option election for Mexico. Hardin College Orchestra furnished music for the occasion. A half dozen different gentlemen, among them R. M. White, Col. Fonville, S. D. Stocks and Revs. H. I. Cobb and C. A. Mitchell, made earnest talks favoring holding the election at the earliest possible legal date.

Prof. S. W. Million was unanimously elected as president of the Mexico anti-saloon organization. S. P. Emmons resigned. There will be another meeting at the court house one week from tonight when committees will be announced and the organization perfected.

JUDGE WILFLEY.

Still Hold the Former Audrain Man in the Lime-Light.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have been repudiated by Catholics in China, who were classed as vicious people in the exoneration of Judge Wilfley, according to a cablegram received here by Anthony Matre from the Very Rev. M. Kennelly, S. J., of the Roman Catholic St. Joseph's church of Shanghai. Matre is national secretary of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. The cablegram follows:

"The Catholics of Shanghai, China, of all nationalities, through the Rev. M. Kennelly, S. J., pastor of St. Joseph's church, Shanghai, China, repudiate the charge of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root classifying them as vicious people, as contained in the cable dispatch announcing the exoneration of Judge Wilfley, as published in the north China Daily News of March 4. The Catholics of Shanghai renew their petition for Judge Wilfley's removal and appeal to the American Federation of Catholic Societies and to Archbishop Harty of Manila for support."

Fire Escapes Ordered.

Fire escapes for school houses, hotels and other public buildings in Mexico have been ordered. It comes from the agitation resulting from the destruction of that school building by fire at Collinville, Ohio, recently when 180 pupils and teachers lost their lives. That calamity stirred the whole country and Mexico wants no repetition of such a happening.

There is a law in this State governing this matter, and it is only proposed that the requirements of the law shall be complied with. Fire escapes will not be required on every building, but every door at least, of ingress or egress, shall swing outward and inward.

V. F. Morris, fire-chief, has served notice on the following property owners that the above requirements must be met:

Geo. Kabrich, business building.

T. J. Hoxsey, Hotel and Annex.

C. F. Clark, Hotel Clarkson.

Mrs. Susie Buckner, Central Hotel.

J. A. Guthrie, prest. board of trustees Hardin College.

Fr. J. J. Dillion, Catholic Church.

W. D. Fonville, Military Academy.

Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Ringo Hotel.

Roy Ferris, opera house.

S. P. Emmons, pres. of school board.

J. A. Guthrie, official Promenade street Baptist church.

Mrs. H. A. Lawder, business building.

Mexico Odd Fellows.

The Centralia Guard prints the following item:

The Odd Fellows of Mexico are preparing to celebrate the 89th anniversary of the order with a day of appropriate exercises and degree work at night on April 2nd. The degree work is to be put on by the following lodges: Benton City, Initiatory, Jefferson City, First; Mexico Second, and Centralia the Third Degree.

Latney Barnes of Amarillo, Texas, is here on a visit to his parents.

Mr. J. B. Rhoadman, of Vandalia, and Miss Nellie Dross, of St. Louis, came to Mexico last Thursday and were united in marriage by Judge W. W. Botts. They will reside on the groom's farm south-east of Vandalia.

That Electric Railway.

Mr. Robinson, of Mexico, promoter of the Mexico, Santa Fe and Perry electric railway, and Mr. Wolfe who has the contract to grade the road bed for the railroad, spent last night and today at Perry. Mr. Robinson says everything is moving along nicely, and as well as the weather will permit. Mr. Wolfe will put a hundred teams to work grading up the road bed about the first of April, and thinks the grading will be complete by July 1st. The work will be started from Mexico, and as fast as the grade work is finished the laying of the ties and rails will follow. The teams will be scattered all along the survey.

The State Poultry Show.

The Kirksville Express used the following comment last week:

"The State Poultry Show will be held at Mexico next December. Not only farmers but all chicken fanciers are greatly interested in the annual exhibition. Mexico people promises a cordial and hearty welcome for all who may attend. Poultry is one of the leading products nowadays. There is millions in the business."

A RESOLUTION.

TO PAVE PROMENADE STREET from the east line of Jefferson street east to the corporate limits of the city of Mexico and to curb the north and south sides of said street along the distance so to be improved.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mexico, Missouri, as follows: That the Council of the City of Mexico, Missouri, deem it necessary to pave with first class vitrified paving brick or blocks that portion of Promenade street in the city of Mexico, lying and being situate between the east line of Jefferson Street and the east line of the City limits of the City of Mexico, said street from the east line of Jefferson street to the east line of Cole street to be paved the full width thereof exclusive of that portion of the street used for sidewalk purposes and from the east line of Cole street east to the city limits the width of thirty feet in the center thereof, that is to say, fifteen feet on each side of the center line of said Promenade street. The width of said street and the material and plans of said improvement are more particularly shown by the plans, diagram and specifications filed by the City Engineer with the City Clerk, said paving to be laid to the established grade.

Section 2. That the Council deem it necessary in view of the proposed improvement of that portion of Promenade street between the east line of Jefferson street and the east line of the city limits of the city of Mexico, to curb said street along the portion to be paved and along the north and south sides of said pavement, the full length thereof with first class granite curbing as is more particularly shown by the plans, diagram and specifications now on file with the city clerk, filed by the city engineer.

Section 3. That the cost of said improvement so declared as necessary in sections 1 and 2 hereof be paid by levying a special assessment on all lots and tracts of land fronting on or abutting on either side of said improvement along the distance so to be improved and in proportion to the front foot thereof abutting on said improvement as provided by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, approved March 27, 1901, and found at page 63 of the laws of Missouri, for 1901.

Section 4. This resolution shall be published for two consecutive weeks in the Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper printed and published in the City of Mexico, Missouri, and if a majority of resident owners of property liable to taxation for said improvement declared necessary to be done by this resolution, at the date of the passage hereof, who shall own a majority of the front foot owned by residents of this City abutting on said portion of said

Promenade street to be improved as aforesaid, shall not within ten days thereafter, file with the city clerk of this city their written protest against said improvement, the city council will cause a contract for said work to be let to the lowest and best bidder on the plans and specifications, substantially as so made for said improvement, said improvement to be completed not later than Nov. 1st, 1908.

Section 5. The said work and improvement and the taxation therefore shall be done and made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the City of Mexico and the laws of the state of Missouri relating to and providing for such improvements.

Passed this 9th day of March 1908.

E. D. GRAHAM,

President of the Council.

Approved this 10th day of March 1908.

E. D. GRAHAM, Mayor.

Attest: WALLACE DEAKING,

City Clerk.

[SEAL.]

A RESOLUTION

TO PAVE THE ALLEY WAY in Block Three Original Town of Mexico Missouri and to curb the north and south sides of said alley.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mexico, Mo., as follows:

Sec. 1 That the Council of Mexico, Missouri, deem it necessary to pave with first-class vitrified paving brick or blocks the alley way running east and west in block 3 of the Original Town of Mexico Mo. from the east building line of Jefferson St. to the west building line of Washington St., said alley to be paved the full width thereof. The width of said alley and the material and plans of said improvement are more particularly shown by the plans, diagram and specifications filed by the City Engineer with the City Clerk, said paving to be laid to the established grade.

Sec. 2 That the Council deem it necessary in view of the proposed improvement of the alley in block 3 of the original town of Mexico to curb said alley along the north and south sides thereof with first-class granite curbing as is more particularly shown by the plans, diagram and specifications now on file with the City Clerk, filed by the City Engineer.

Sec. 3. The cost of said improvement so declared as necessary in sections 1 and 2 hereof shall be paid by levying a special assessment on all lots and tracts of land fronting on or abutting either side of said improvement along the distance so to be improved and in proportion to the front foot thereof abutting on said improvement as provided by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, approved March 27, 1901, and found at page 63 of the laws of Missouri, for 1901.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall be published for two consecutive weeks in the Mexico Missouri Message, weekly paper printed and published in the city of Mexico, Missouri, and if a majority of resident owners of property liable to taxation for said improvement declared necessary to be done by this resolution, at the date of passage hereof, who shall own a majority of the front foot owned by residents of this City abutting on said alley so to be improved as aforesaid, shall not within ten days thereafter file with the City Clerk of this City their written protest against said improvement, the City Council will cause a contract to be let for said work to the lowest and best bidder on the plans and specifications substantially as so made for said improvement, said improvement to be completed not later than the 1st day of October, 1908.

Sec. 5. The said work and improvement and the taxation therefor shall be done and made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the City of Mexico and the laws of the State of Missouri relating to and providing for such improvements.

Passed this 9th day of March 1908.

E. D. GRAHAM,

President of the Council.

Approved this 10th day of March 1908.

E. D. GRAHAM, Mayor.

Attest: WALLACE DEAKING,

City Clerk.

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